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P.N.E.U. NOTES.

HAMPSTEAD AND ST. JOHN'S WOOD BRANCH.—The fourth meeting of the session was held on January 16 at 20 Buckland Crescent. T. G. Rooper, Esq., H.M.I., read a delightful paper on "The Education of Girls," with special reference to Sir James Crichton Browne's Oration on Sex. C. E. Maurice, Esq., took the chair. Some interesting discussion followed the reading of the paper.

WOODFORD BRANCH.—A meeting was held at Mrs. Fowler's, Glebelands, South Woodford, on Saturday, Feb. 4, when Dr. Schofield read a paper on the P.N.E.U. There was a small attendance, but those present were much interested. A branch was formed, Miss E. Fowler consenting to become treasurer, and Mrs. Spedding Curwen secretary. Another meeting has been arranged, when Dr. Schofield's address will be repeated as far as possible, and it is expected a larger number will join.

The following letter has been issued by the Committee. We hope our readers will give generous support :

PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION,

January 10, 1893.

SIR OR MADAM,—The Executive Committee have received during the past year (including £1 19s. 7d. remaining in the Treasurer's hands at the end of 1891) the sum of £52 17s. 1d., of which they have spent in furthering the general work of the Union the sum of £51 14s. 7d., leaving the small balance of £1 2s. 6d. to carry forward to the New Year. The largest item of expenditure has been incurred for the preparation and circulation of the pamphlet containing a detailed statement of the principles and aims of the Union, and an account of the work done by the several branches up to the date of the General Meeting in June last.

The Committee now appeal to the members and friends of the Society for a renewal of their kind assistance, and for increased support, to enable them to avail themselves of the opportunities of growing usefulness that are now continually presenting themselves. The past year has seen the Society established on a firmer basis than before, and it now remains for those who believe in its principles to press forward and make its influence felt wherever there are children to be trained.

One most valuable method of doing this is by reading and circulating the *Parents' Review*, the sale and usefulness of which would be largely increased if it were more widely known. The *Review* can be ordered through any bookseller, or, where this is not convenient, I will send it post free to any address for one year on receipt of 6s.

The situation of the *Parents' Review* is very anxious. It is necessary to raise an immediate subsidy for the publishers to warrant them in continuing the costs of the publication through the year now beginning. Many parents value the magazine extremely, and "its loss would," to quote the words of Lord and Lady Aberdeen, "be a calamity." Your help is most urgently solicited. I shall also be happy to receive and acknowledge any subscriptions and donations towards the work of the Society, and to send full particulars of its work to any friends likely to sympathise with it.

The enclosed Report of the "House of Education" will be found interesting to members, as showing how the principles of the Union are bearing fruit in practice.

Your obedient servant,

HENRY PERRIN, *Hon. Org. Sec.*

THE PARENTS' REVIEW

A MONTHLY MAGAZINE
OF HOME-TRAINING AND CULTURE.

"Education is an atmosphere, a discipline, a life."

THE INFLUENCE AND TEACHING OF THE EDUCATED MOTHER.*

MRS. ALFRED BOOTH.

IN dealing with an abstract subject one hardly knows how to approach it in the most practical and profitable manner. If in this short paper I fail to do this, it will be owing to my want of originality, and not the fault of a most interesting and instructive subject.

The family, the oldest human institution, is as important a factor to-day as in the beginnings of life on this planet. I am in fact inclined to think it is even more important than in any past age, because we are able to look at it in a reasonable manner. The family to-day, like every other institution of divine or human origin, is on its trial. Shall the family stand, or shall it, like so many churches and governments, alter its constitution and be a less sacred thing in the future than it has been in the past?

While recognising that there is no reason why with proper reverence we should not discuss the family and its foundations, let me say at once, it is entirely on the ground of its divine

* Paper read at Bristol Conference of Women Workers. Reprinted by kind permission of Bristol Ladies' Association for the Care of Girls.